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FORGERY CHARGE AGAINST HEADS OF FIRM.

TENDER FOR COAL SUPPLY.

K. C. R. BEHIND THE PROSECUTION.

CHANGE ALLEGED.

Alteration of the name of a particular kind of coal submitted in a tender to the Railway Authorities is the substance of a charge of forgery preferred to-day against the Managing Director and the Secretary of the Lee Hing Transportation Company, Limited.

The case was before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, the accused being Yau Chuen, Managing Director, and Ka Wing, Secretary of the Lee Hing.

For the Police, Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds said that recently tenders were called for by the authorities of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and among the applications received was one from the Lee Hing Company.

Coal Analysis.

The coal submitted in the tender, continued Mr. Reynolds, had to be first examined by the Government Analyst, who when made out two copies of his report—the original and the duplicate. The original was attached to the tender while the duplicate was retained by the Analyst.

It was alleged that after the tender from the Lee Hing Company had been received, the original copy of the Analyst's report accompanying it was altered. It was alleged that the name of the coal was altered to show a different kind of coal to that submitted for analysis. This was the only alteration, it was stated. The other details remained as they were.

Mr. Reynolds asked for a remand, stating that the Public Prosecutor would be appearing in the case.

Voluntary Surrender.

For the accused, Mr. F. C. E. Rendall said in connexion with an application for bail, that when a message was received at the offices of the Company from Mr. Walker requiring the attendance of the Managing Director at the offices of the Railway Company, Mr. Yau Chuen, who was unable to speak English, sent his Secretary along at the hour required on Saturday morning. There the Secretary saw Mr. Travers, Mr. Walker, and Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds. After the matter had been explained to the Secretary, he was taken by Mr. Reynolds to the Central Police Station.

In the meantime, he (Mr. Rendall) had been instructed to appear in the case, and when it was made known that a warrant would very likely be issued for the arrest of the Managing Director as well, Mr. Yau Chuen went to the Station himself. This action was entirely voluntary.

The case was then formally adjourned for a week, bail in the sum of \$500, being accorded to each of the accused.

TWO SOLDIERS MISSING.

UNIFORMS FOUND AT THE KOWLOON GODDOWNS.

Two privates of the South Wales Borderers are reported to have absented themselves from their battalion on Saturday and have not been seen since, although their uniforms, which they are believed to have discarded, were discovered by the police at the Kowloon Goddows.

According to a report issued from Police Headquarters, Detective Sub-Inspector A. H. Elston found two military uniforms, consisting of two tunics, two caps, two belts, and two pairs of braces, lying discarded at the Kowloon Goddows. They bore the badges of the South Wales Borderers and are believed to have belonged to Privates Booth and Howell, who have been absent from barracks since Saturday.

DRAMATIC WORLD AIR RACE.

ATTACKS ON ZEPPELIN'S RECORD.

EIGHT PARTIES COMPETING.

SPECTACULAR FLIGHTS.

A dramatic air race, with the round the world record as the prize, is now in prospect, no fewer than eight different contenders, all American, having brought their preparations to the verge of completion. It is anticipated that all eight parties will start their great venture before the end of June.

One or two of them, including the well-known globe trotter, John Henry Mears, and two new adventurers, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, have finished tinkering with their planes, and are only waiting favourable weather to take off.

Plans for the record-breaking flights involve non-stop journeys across the Atlantic.

Zeppelin's Foe.

The record being attacked is that of the Graf Zeppelin which established the splendid time of 21 days for the journey.

Prior to the Graf Zeppelin's record trip the best time was 23 days, made by John Henry Mears and the late Capt. Charles L. D. Collier.

Mears, with Vance Breeze, a west coast flyer, is one of the entries in this year's round-the-world Derby, although he has encountered delays in obtaining permission to land in Russia.

All the other fliers have had hundreds of hours in the air and are experienced navigators. All feel confident that the record, taken from the United States by Dr. Hugo Eckener and his "big bag," as the fliers dub the Zeppelin, will be recaptured.

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The Contenders.

The list follows:—

Bern Balchen, of Byrd South Pole Expedition fame in a tri-motored Fokker.

Roger Q. Williams, of flight to Rome fame, in an Emco, single-motored plane.

Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, Jr., both proven fliers, in a Bellanca single-motored plane.

Emil (Hard Luck) Burdin, mail and cross-country flier in the "Green Flash" rebuilt after a disastrous attempt to fly the Atlantic.

Shirley Short, pilot for the Chicago Daily News and erstwhile air mail flier, in a twin-motored "Flying Mongoose."

Whitney Post, winner of several national non-stop flights in a single-motored Lockheed.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day, in a sport plane of Day's own construction.

Aviation experts watching the preparations for the flights have commented upon the reliance that the fliers are placing in the single-motored planes. It is pointed out that out of the list of eight planned flights only two will make the attempt in planes powered with over one motor.

Atlantic Crossing.

Practically all the fliers are planning to follow the same route. They will fly from New York to Harbour Grace, N. F. then across the North Atlantic to Ireland, from there to Berlin, Moscow, and the next stop. From Moscow they will face an 8,000-mile flight across Siberia to Khabarovsk on the Manchurian border.

Most of them will change landing wheels for pontoons here and start a 600-mile jump across the Sea of Okhotsk to Petropavlovsk, then jump across the North Pacific, by way of the Aleutian Islands to Chignik, Alaska, and down the coast to Seattle. Here the landing wheels will be put on the planes again and the cross-country flight to New York begun.



Clyde Pangborn (left) and Hugh Herndon, who are planning to fly round the world in the next few days in attempt

GOLD BULLION BANK CRASH MYSTERY.

LOSS OF THE CITY OF RIO.

TREASURE YARN HELD TO BE A MYTH.

TRAGEDY OF 1901.

Mystery attaches to the report that a San Francisco salvage firm, having located the wreck of the Rio de Janeiro, which sank at the entrance to San Francisco Bay on February 22, 1901 on a voyage from Shanghai, intends to search for gold bullion reported on board the ship when she sank.

A report of the wreck of the vessel published in the "North-China Daily News" on February 25, 1901, makes no mention of the bullion stated to have been carried from Shanghai.

The paper reported: One hundred and twenty-two lives were lost when the Pacific Mail steamer City of Rio de Janeiro from Hongkong and Yokohama struck a rock and sank outside San Francisco harbour.

Under in 20 Minutes.

Fogbound, the ship survived the pounding of waves only twenty minutes before going to the bottom. Terror and panic among the passengers hampered attempts at rescue work. Lifeboats capsized in launching, and occupants were thrown headlong into the sea.

The drowned include 24 saloon passengers, 19 officers and crew, and 43 Asiatic passengers. Only 79 were saved including 12 cabin and 15 Asiatic passengers, and 11 of the officers and crew. Among those who were drowned were the American Consul-General of Hongkong, Mr. R. Wildman, and his family. Captain Ward was on the bridge until the ship sank and he went down with it.

A further report stated: "The City of Rio de Janeiro, a three masted steamer of 2,276 tons net and 700 horsepower, was built at Chester, Pennsylvania, in 1878. Though not the most favoured ship on the Pacific, the Rio enjoyed a long and prosperous career. Captain Ward was regarded as one of the best men in the service. He was popular with his passengers and crew, and his death will be regretted by former sailing mates and land acquaintances."

Mr. W. Whiley, manager of the Sperry Flour Co., Hongkong, was the first to receive news of the disaster, by a brief received cable from San Francisco dated 22nd inst., 4.20 p.m. that the City of Rio had sunk near Fort Point. The Router telegram arrived shortly after, giving more parti-

MR. SUN FO'S NEW POST.

TO SUCCEED CHAN MING-SHU.

Immediate Plans Outlined.

Canton, May 24.

The arrival in Canton this afternoon of Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Eugene Chen is, it is stated, the first step in the complete reorganisation of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. According to information from a reliable quarter, Mr. Sun Fo, who was Mayor of Canton in 1926-27, and Civil Governor, 1925-26, will be appointed Chairman of the Provincial Government in succession to Chan Ming-shu.

The Commissioners in the Provincial Council will be increased to ten, including Messrs. Sun Fo, Peng Chu-wan (former Finance Minister of Canton), Lum Wan-kei (Mayor of Canton), Lum Yick-chung, Wu Teh-chen, (former Police Commissioner and member of Kuomintang C.C.), Li Wan-fan, Hsu Sung-ching (Director of Education), Chan Yung, Tsou Lu (leader of the Western Hill Clique) and Chang Wei-cheung (head of the Nanking Aviation Administration).

Other Likely Appointments.

It is semi-officially announced that, pending a final meeting by military and civil leaders in the course of the next few days, it is expected that Mr. Lum Ying-chung will be appointed Commissioner of Reconstruction, Mr. Li Wan-fan Commissioner of Civil Affairs, and either Mr. Tsou Lu or Mr. Hsu Sung-ching as Director of Education.

Rumours of the intended resignation of Admiral Chan Chak, of the Fourth Nationalist Squadron, who is indisposed in a hospital, are emphatically denied by officials.

Admiral Chan Chak has made a statement to newspaper correspondents that the Navy is unanimous in supporting the Canton movement and he considers the collapse of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's Government in Nanking to be imminent.

Admiral Chan Chak's strong criticism on Marshal Chiang's dictatorship is extensively reported in Chinese journals here and serves to confirm the belief that the most cordial understanding exists between him and General Chan Chai-tong.

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Discussions have proceeded to the point of appointment of a committee to investigate the advisability of convening in Japan an international conference to consider ways and means of increasing and stabilizing silver values.

A few days ago, Mr. K. Hijikata, the president of the Bank of Japan, called upon Mr. Jinnosuke Inouye, the Minister of Finance, and reported on the results of the preliminary work of the investigating committee.

Subsequently it was learned that Japanese bankers are agreed that further study should be given to the problem before any final decision is reached as to what role Japan should play in the proposed conference.

SILVER CRISIS HEDGING.

FOOCHOW OFFICIAL STABBED.

COUP NIPPED IN THE BUD.

MARTIAL LAW.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Foochow, May 23.

With dramatic suddenness, after months of tranquillity, martial law has been declared in Foochow and no-one is allowed out of doors after 9.30 p.m. in the city and a little later at Nantai.

It is disclosed that the cause of official alarm is that an attempt was recently made to assassinate one of the leading members of the Provincial Government. He was badly stabbed and is in a serious condition in hospital.

His assailant was arrested and executed, but the Government is anxious as there is reason to believe that the attempt was more the beginning of an attempted coup rather than an outrage for paying off an old score.

"Blood and Iron" Band.

The notorious Lin Mei-sheng, formerly the leader of the Blood and Iron Band, is suspected of being at the bottom of the plot. Documents have been seized by the authorities giving the names of a thousand persons implicated and a large number have been arrested, some of them at Pagoda Anchorage, where they had fled in an attempt to escape. Eleven more have been executed.

Soldiers with fixed bayonets are patrolling the streets, but apart from this there is no sign of anything out of the ordinary during the daytime, and the people appear to be doing business as usual, unmoved by the under-surface political currents. This would seem to indicate that the movement is confined to a small group of recalcitrants.

BRITISH PLANES FOR CHINA.

ORDER FOR 40 MACHINES GIVEN BY NANKING.

Nanking, May 18.

To facilitate the improvement of existing commercial air services and the installation of new airways, the National Government has decided to purchase 40 new aeroplanes from Great Britain.

In ordering the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to arrange with the British company concerned for the purchase, the National Government specifies that the planes should be equipped with light machine guns so as to eliminate any possible danger to the passenger from bandits.

The latest telegram from Shanghai state that another Nationalist high official, Mr. Chan Chi, State Councillor and Vice-President of the Judicial Council, left yesterday morning on the French Mail Sphinx for Hongkong. It is alleged that the visit of Sun Fo and Eugene Chen to Canton is to effect a peaceful settlement.

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AN EMPIRE DAY TEA PARTY.

GENERAL AS HOST OF GIRL GUIDES.

In connexion with the Empire Day celebrations, the Girl Guides of Hongkong were entertained to tea by Major-General J. W. Sandilands, General Officer Commanding, South China Command, at Flagstaff House yesterday evening.

The Guide companies were mustered on the lawn under their different Captains, the whole parade being in charge of Mrs. W. T. Southorn, Commissioner. After they had been inspected, the girls adjourned to the hall, where General Sandilands welcomed them. In doing so he said:

Mrs. Southorn: I am sure that you realize what a very great pleasure it is for me to be able to entertain the Hongkong Girl Guides at tea on Empire Day, more especially as it falls upon me to do so in one of the most distant Colonies in the British Empire.

The chief point of celebrating Empire Day is to provide a means for making the inhabitants of the British Empire, more especially young people and children, realize that we are all part of one big family, rather than a collection of separate countries and colonies.

May 24th is a peculiarly appropriate date for its celebration as it was the birthday of Queen Victoria, who, as you all know, reigned for no less than 67 years.

As far as the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are concerned, it is not an exaggeration to state that the movement is one of the most remarkable developments in modern times. It is a movement which knows of no distinction of creed, religion, or race. It exists for one purpose and for one purpose only, which is to turn out boys and girls as good and useful citizens. I understand that there are close upon a million Girl Guides in the world at the present time.

I do not propose to deal in detail with the Girl Guide movement, which is much better done by your own leaders, but I feel competent to deal with it in the larger sense.

To my mind one of the chief causes of the trouble which appears to exist throughout the whole world is due to class distinction and prejudices. It is due to people, instead of trying to find out the good points in each other, going out of their way to find out the bad points. After all, no one is perfect, but it must be a very remarkable boy or girl who does not possess a considerable amount of good points in character, but they do not necessarily appear on the surface.

The Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement is a wonderful means of bringing all classes together and affording them an opportunity of getting to know each other, no matter in what grade of society they may have been brought up.

It is in this spirit that we are assembled here to-day. It is not of the slightest consequence to any of us, whether a Girl Guide is the daughter of a leading Titan or Compradore in Hongkong, or the daughter of a subordinate in a business firm; nor is it of any consequence whether her father is an officer or a private soldier.

We are all assembled here to enjoy ourselves and to get to know each other, and in that spirit I would invite you all to do justice to the tea, and unless I am very much mistaken I am sure that there is certainly no difference in the amount that a young girl can eat, no matter whether she has been brought up in luxury or in a humble home.

Among those present were Mrs. H. Owen Hughes (District Commissioner, Kowloon), Mrs. Anderson (District Commissioner Hongkong), Mrs. Lack (Equipment Secretary), Mrs. Phillips (Badge Secretary) and Mrs. King (Secretary).

The following Companies assembled under their Captains and

OBITUARY.

PRESIDENT OF ALL-INDIA MUSLIMS.

Lucknow, May 23.
The death has occurred of Sir Mohamed Ali Mohamed Khan President of the All-India Muslim League.—Reuters.

[Mohamed Ali, the Indian Moslem leader and brother of the equally well known Shaukat Ali, was born in Dec. 1878, and educated at Rampur State School, Bareilly High School, the college at Aligarh and Lincoln College, Oxford. After acting in 1902-3 as chief educational officer for Rampur State, he joined the Gaekwar's civil service in 1904. In 1906 Ali founded the All-India Moslem League. Fourteen years later he was instrumental in developing the college at Aligarh into the National Moslem University. In 1910 he gave up his official post to edit the *Comrade*, weekly paper in English, published first at Calcutta and then at Delhi, up to 1914. He also started at Delhi in 1913 the *Hundred*, an Urdu daily paper. From 1915 to 1919 he was interned under the Defence of India Act. The Swarajists were not satisfied with the Montagu-Chelmsford reform scheme and the brothers Ali became Gandhi's strong supporters in the non-co-operation movement which he launched against the diarchy. Indian Moslems were also disatisfied with the way Turkey was treated by the British after the war. From this grievance sprang the dangerous Khilafat movement, so called because its aim was to restore the power of the Sultan as Khalifa of Islam. It was initiated by the Ali brothers in 1920 and Mohamed Ali headed the Indian Khilafat delegation which visited Europe in that year. Out of this agitation arose the serious Moplah rebellion in Aug. 1921. In November the two brothers were given two years' rigorous imprisonment for sedition.

Since then, however, owing largely to racial and religious riots the Hindu-Moslem pact has weakened considerably. In 1927 the All-India Moslem League favoured a boycott of the Simon Commission, but when Gandhi started his civil disobedience campaign in 1930 as a protest against the failure to grant immediate Swaraj, the Ali brothers repudiated Gandhi, denounced his campaign and urged participation in the Round Table Conference. Mohamed and Gandhi's movement was a desperate attempt by caste-ridden Hindus to dominate the Moslems. "If," he added, "we cannot remain a dependency of the British, we cannot consent to become dependants of the Hindus either. If after the Round Table Conference our demands are not satisfied, it will be time enough to assert India's independence and to walk out of the conference."

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Lieutenants: — 1st. Hongkong, Captain Miss Steele; 2nd. Hongkong, Captain Miss Pau; 3rd. Hongkong, Captain Miss Lopes; 4th. Hongkong, Captain Miss Medina and Lieut. Miss Perry; 5th. Hongkong, Captain Miss Swift and Lieut. Miss Tee; 1st. Kowloon, Captain Mrs. Lawson and Lieut. Miss Taylor; 2nd. Kowloon, Captain Miss Churn and Lieut. Mrs. Rose; 3rd. Kowloon, Lieut. Miss Stockdale; The Rangers, Captain Miss Moses, also Mrs. Reinshagen, Miss Choi; Miss Lack, Mrs. Bruce Shepherd, Miss Cousins and Miss Howard Smith, of the Brown and Tawny Owls.

Empire Day at Home.

London, May 23.
Empire Day Celebrations were held to-day, as the actual anniversary, May 24, falls on Sunday.

The celebrations included a big demonstration this afternoon in Hyde Park at which the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards and a special choir led community singing, including Sir Edward Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory" which the composer himself conducted.

A movement, headed by the Duke of Connaught, has been set on foot

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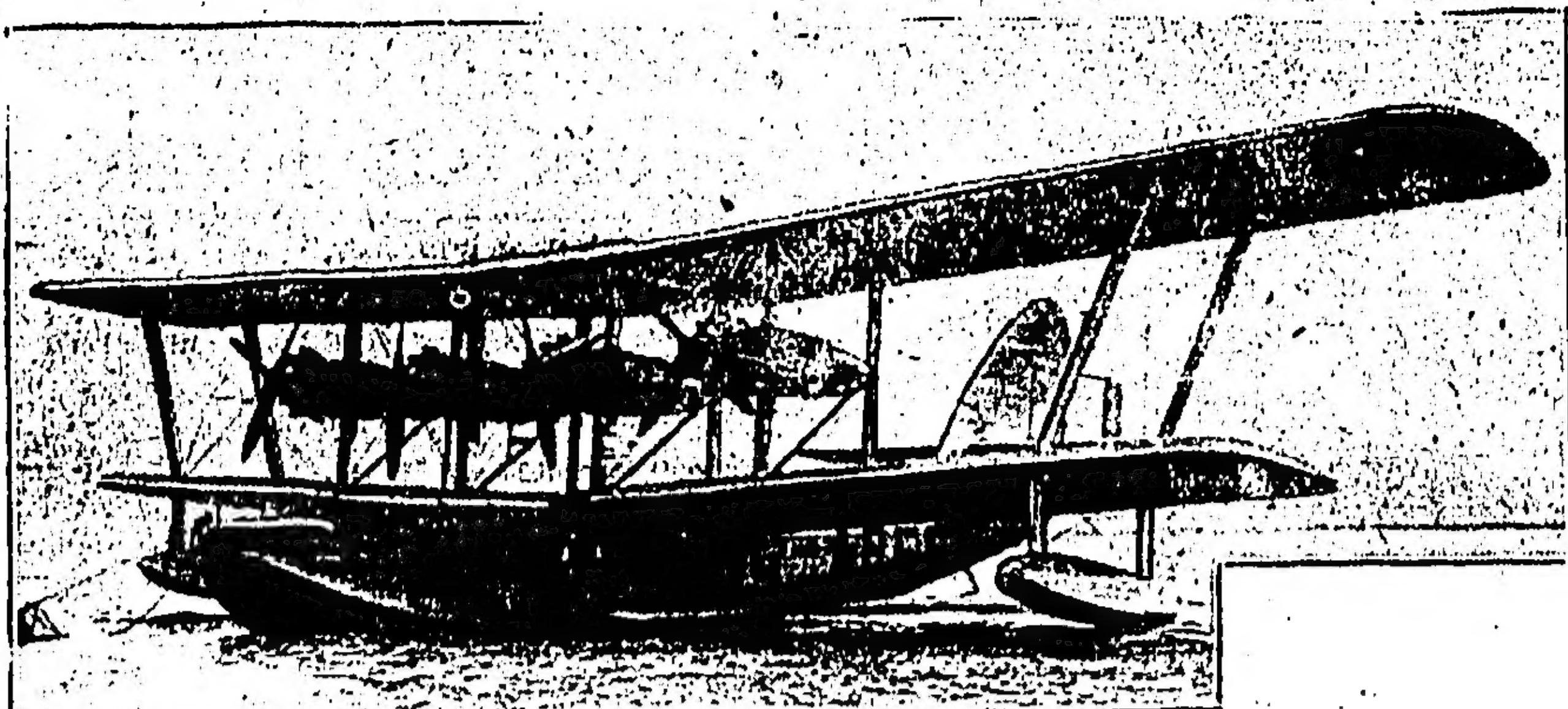
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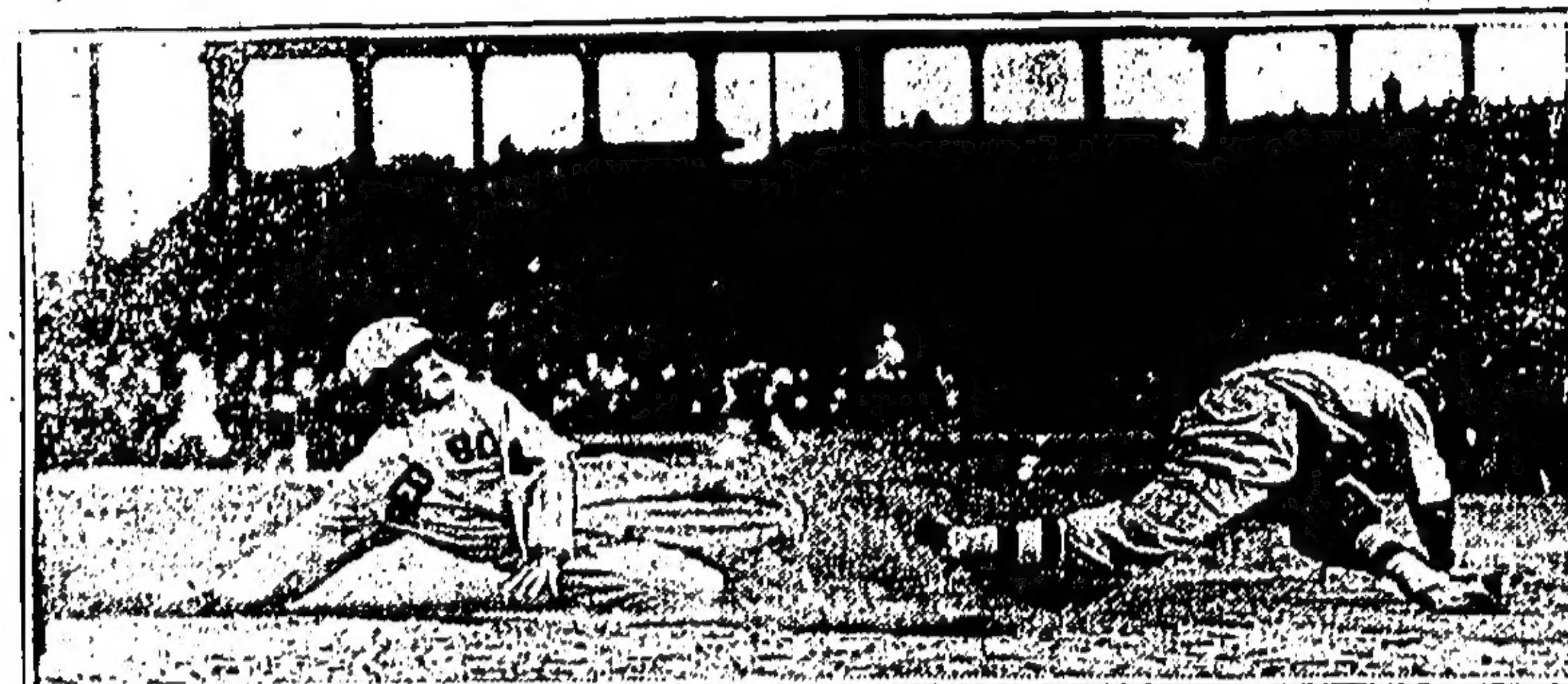




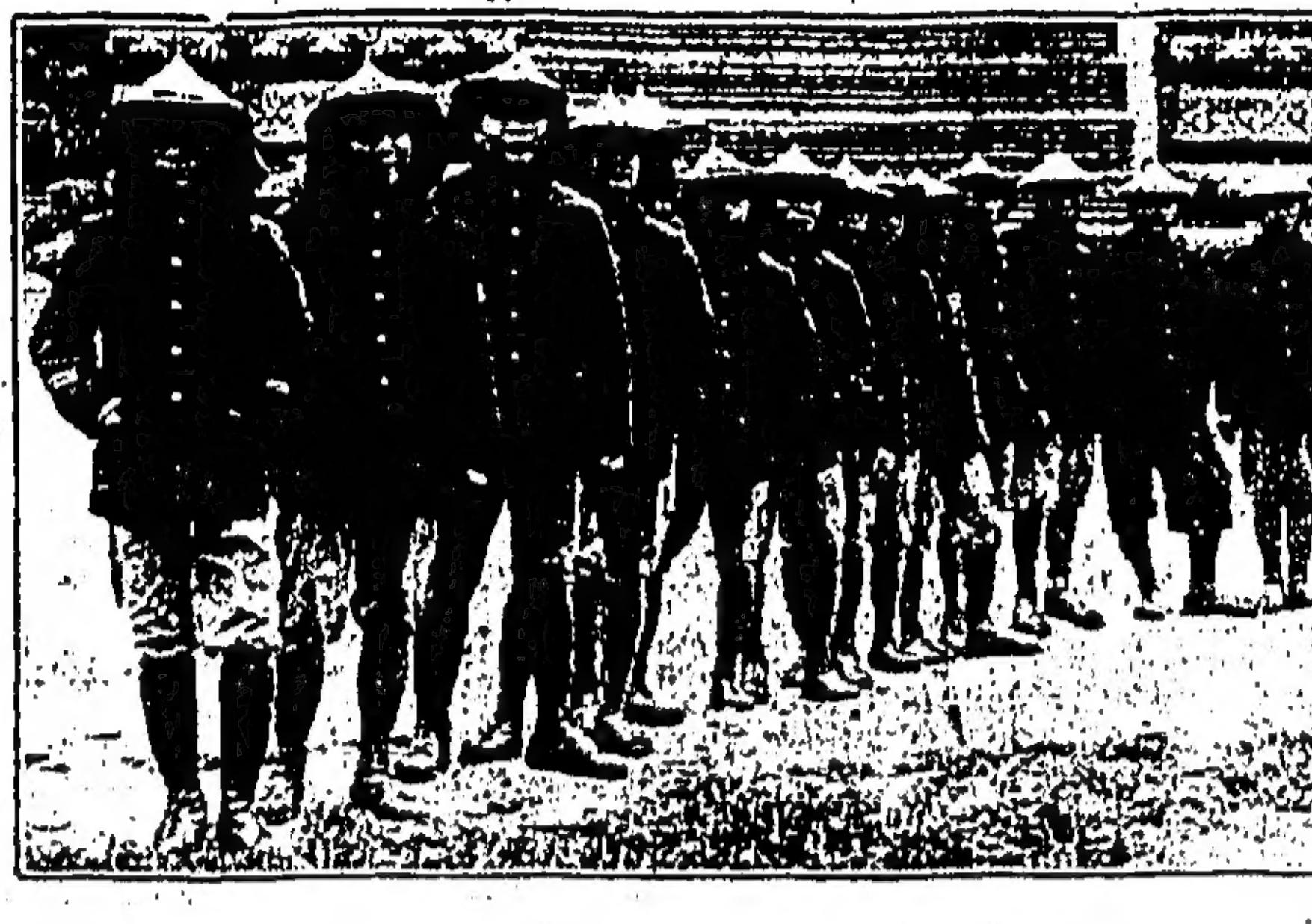
One of the three new Imperial Airways flying boats which will be used on the Mediterranean section of the route to India, photographed at Rochester. (Times copyright.)



Mr. Charles Gulliver's mare, Summer Princess, ridden by Sharpe, winning The Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom. (Times copyright.)



An exciting incident in baseball's introduction at Boston, where the Braves lost 7-2 to the Red Sox.



A detachment of soldiers from Cochin China who are to take part in a display at the Colonial Exhibition in Paris recently opened. (Times copyright.)



Many of the varieties of the magnolia to be found in Kew Gardens, London, are now in all the glory of full flower. A glimpse of their beauty is given by this picture, taken in the Gardens recently. (Times copyright.)



Amelia Earhart, Atlantic flier, set a new autogiro record recently reaching a height of 18,500 feet at the first attempt and 19,000 at the second. Above the aviator is seen in the cockpit of the queer-looking craft.



When this photo was taken Miss Amelia Earhart had just become front-page news again, having broken the autogiro height record.



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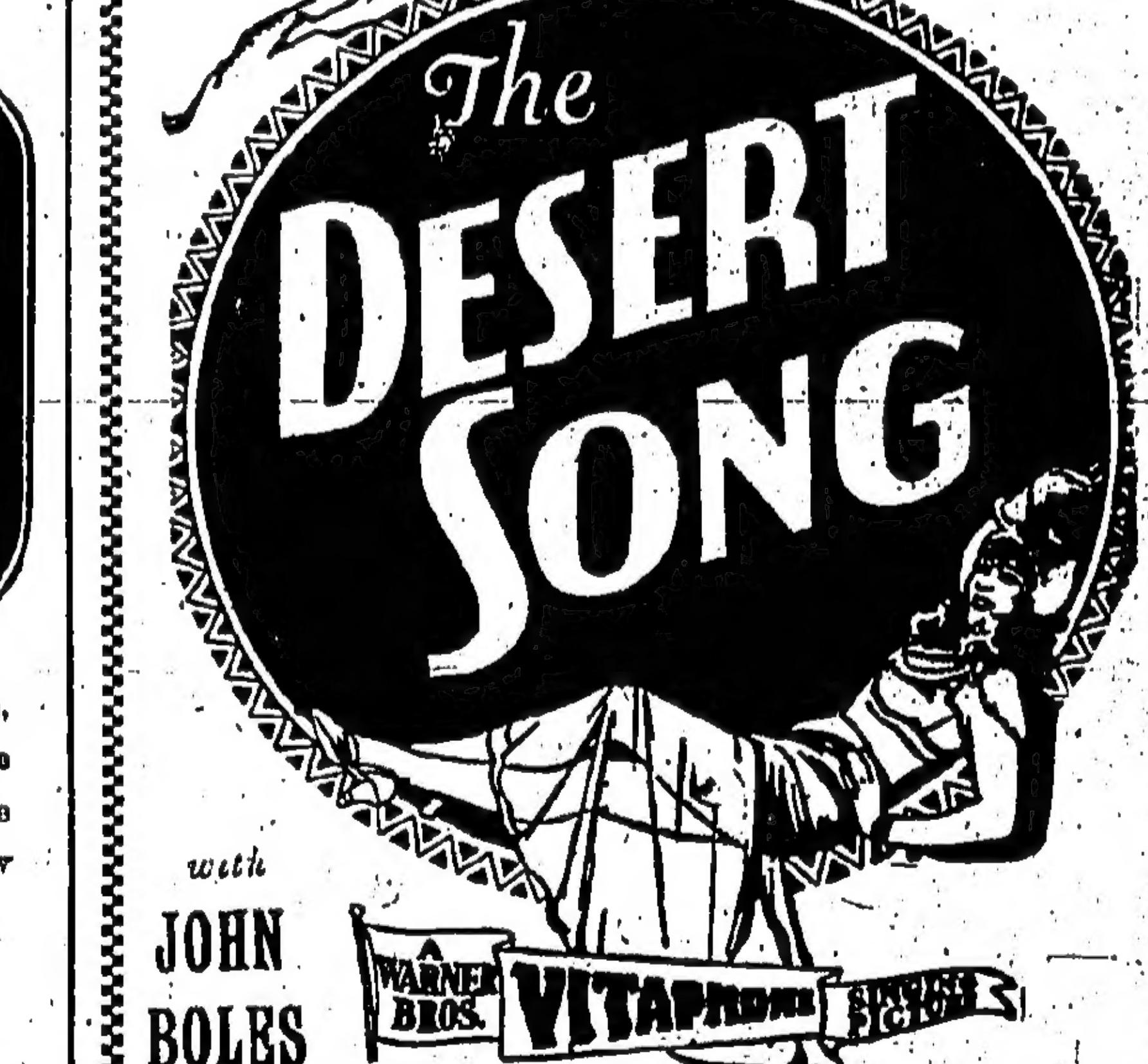
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Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 28th May, 1931.

NOTICE.

I have this day admitted Mr. R. E. Lee, A. A. Dip., A.R.I.B.A., as partner and will practise at Kayamally Building under the firm name of CHAU & LEE, Architects, Civil and Electrical Engineers.

I. N. CHAU.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1931.

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The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

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No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 per day for Gentleman and \$3 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits &c. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th MAY to 29th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1931, at 11.15 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1930, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Wednesday, 27th May, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

ALL members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House on the 27th day of May, 1931, immediately after the half-yearly meeting of the Voting Members when the subjoined resolution will be proposed:

"That Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Club be altered by deleting therefrom the words "Ordinary Members may be unlimited in number" and substituting therefore the words "The number of Ordinary Members shall be one thousand two hundred or such greater number as the Voting Members shall from time to time determine."

AND NOTICE is also hereby given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Club will be held at the same place on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of June, 1931, at a quarter past five o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

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[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

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But this very difference makes the rearing of children difficult because the child and his problems are too likely to be a source of friction between mother and father.

I suppose we should look at it this way, that it is right there should be difference of opinion, if the child is to have a balanced life.

The father is likely to look to character, the mother to health welfare. Not that mothers are not on the qui vive to develop all that is fine and good in character, but there is no question that this urge is frequently overshadowed by anxiety for physical welfare and comfort.

A father is prone to use sterner methods, and to try to bring out the iron in his children's characters by firm handling, and to his wife's distress, a little less coddling and sympathy than she would prefer him to use.

This is where we get the fine balance of development, but it is the source, too, of that unfortunate friction which has made too many dinner-table scenes of distress. For no matter what the

cause of difference of opinion between man and wife, it is quickly lost sight of in the personal antagonism that too frequently ensues.

Pawns of Revenge.

As a matter of fact, when there is strain and unfriendliness to begin with between parents, the children are often used as a pretext to work out revenge on each other, and they will deliberately give conflicting orders to their boys and girls, to work out a deep-rooted spite.

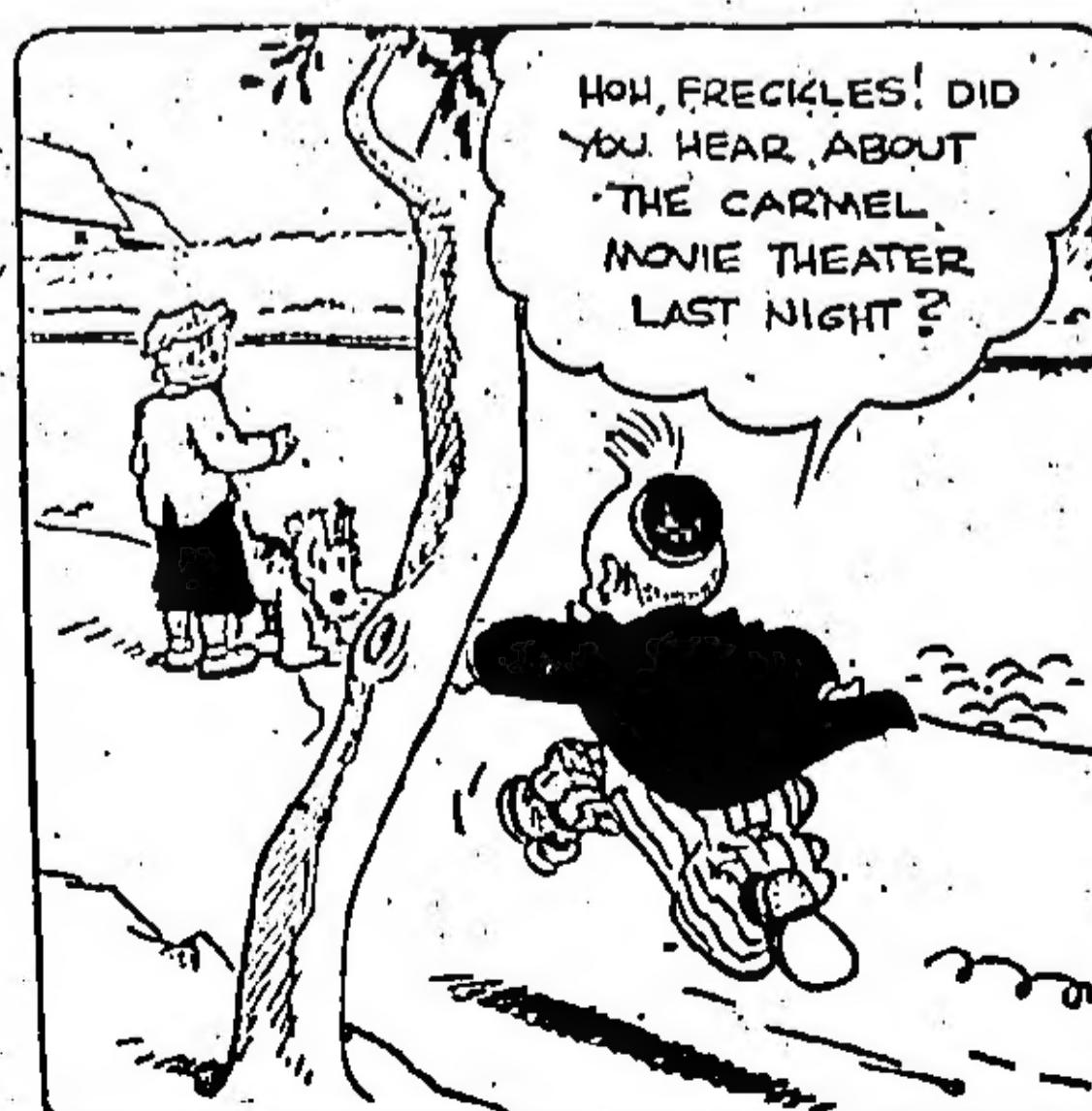
This is the most unhappy state of affairs that I know of in any home, for it is the children who suffer. However, conflict arising from an honest difference of ideas is a different matter. Probably there is hardly a child who escapes that in some degree.

That all men and women with children might do to help out a bad situation is for each to try to understand that her husband's methods, if not too extreme, are as necessary as hers, that they prepare the children for the stern knocks of life later on, better than her constant forgiving and petting.

The husband should do the same for children's physical and temperament make-up must be considered and he must not ride rough-shod over these sensitive spirits.

Co-operation in such matters is usually necessary.

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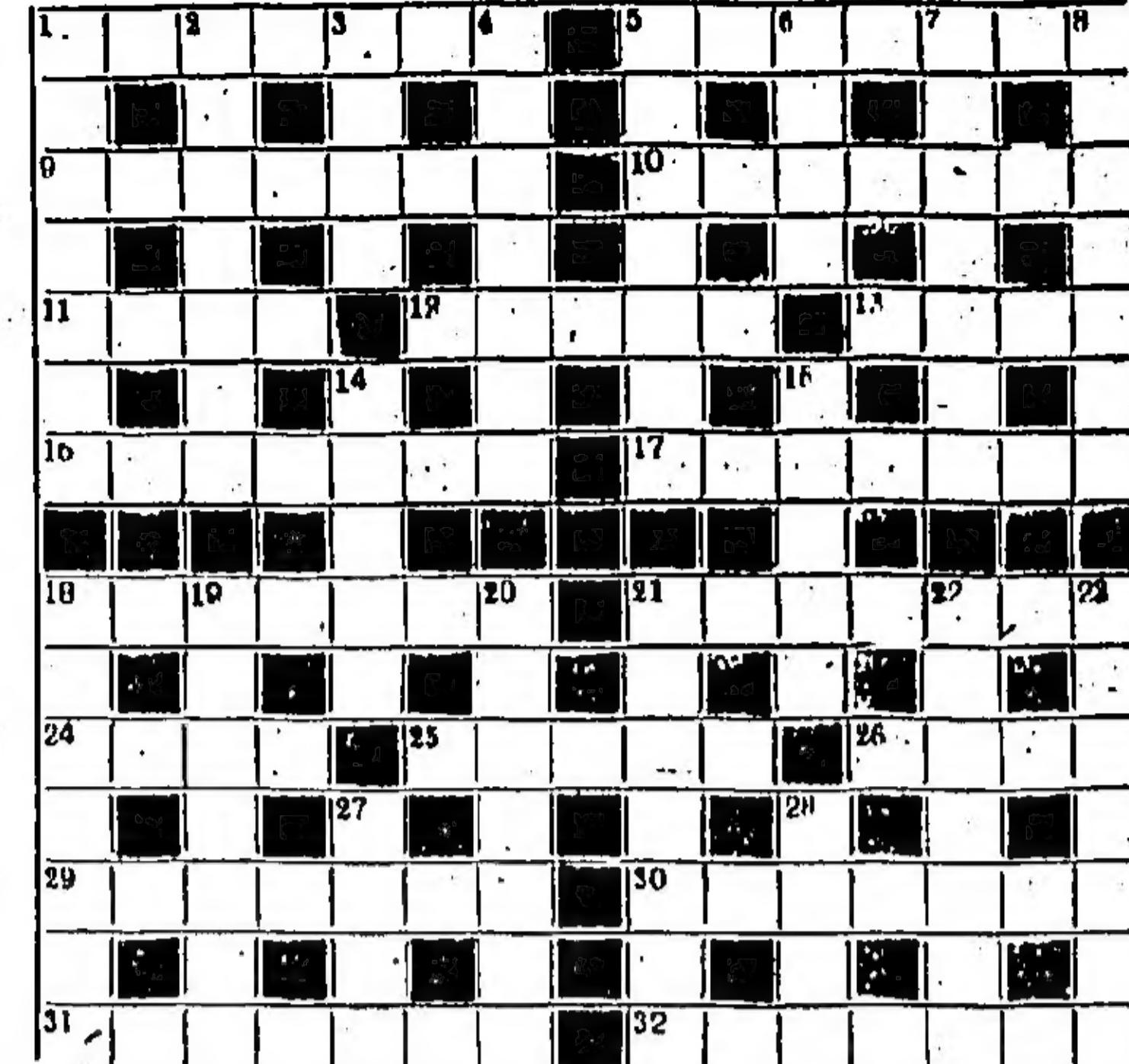


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 - 2 She loved Ivanhoe, and her prototype is associated with a 2d.
 - 3 Nearly all edges, one asserts.
 - 4 May be a pear, or of orange.
 - 5 Past this is really untroubled.
 - 6 Cornish town.
 - 7 Something like, a relationship.
 - 8 A feature lacking in much of modern art.
 - 9 Much walking takes place over the interior of this large island in the Malay Archipelago.
 - 10 Fastened.
 - 11 This beer is taken away in the finish.
 - 12 In the pink.
 - 13 Cook. Remove the second letter and it is still cook.
 - 14 Salutation to an Eastern official disliked by modern children.
 - 15 Ornamental table stand.
 - 16 I need not enlarge here—you do, though.
 - 17 Your father's daughters.
 - 18 That which is over.
- Down**
- 1 In this bulbulous shellfish introduces our ends.
 - 2 This fruit requires no stoning.
 - 3 Any ledger is full of this.
 - 4 Quick remedy.
 - 5 Prizes that include charges of the Lord Chancellor.
 - 6 An animal greatly appreciated in Ireland and Spain.
 - 7 The game to play.
 - 8 This gets up your nose.
 - 9 It is said that this is right—and indeed, there's little difference.

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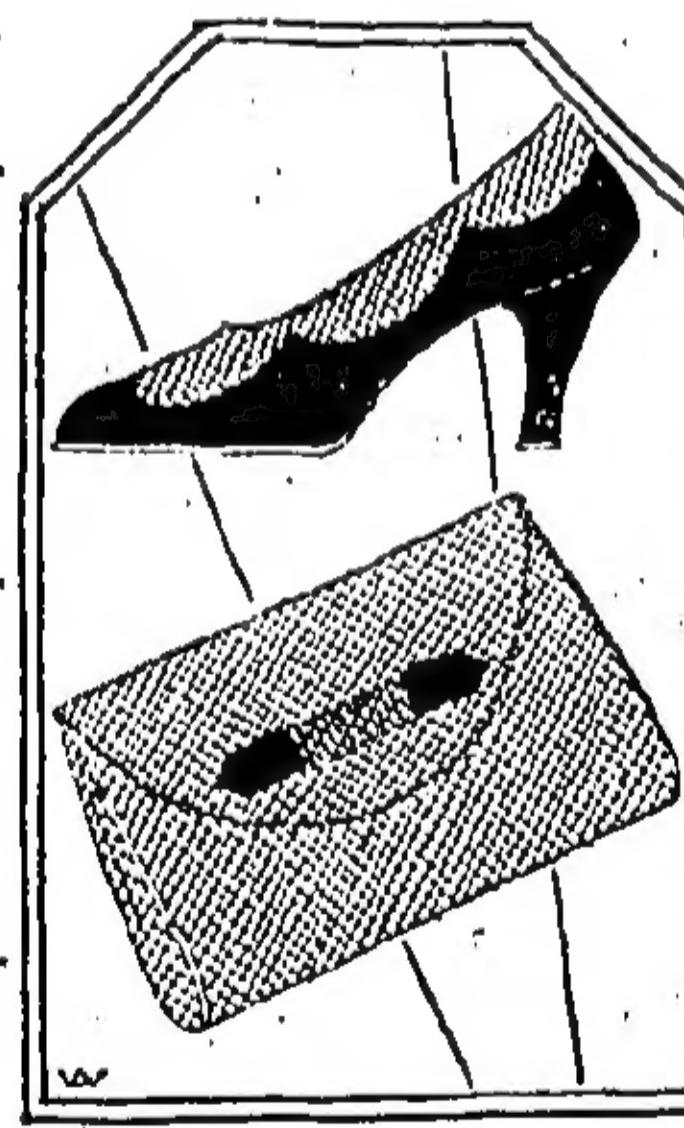
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MONDAY, MAY 25, 1931.

GREED AS CAUSE OF DEPRESSION.

The United States is at the moment greatly interesting itself in the causes of the present industrial depression, and one observer, a Senator, probably comes closer to the out-and-out radical position than he realises in assigning the origin of the trouble. Asked who was responsible for the depression, he remarked that while he did not know who the guilty individuals might be, he knew very well what the underlying cause was—unrestrained greed. "And," he added, "all those who are actuated by unrestrained greed share in the responsibility." It is refreshing to find a leader in politics getting away from the old habit of blaming catastrophes on individuals. The Senator insists that it is not a question of "who" is to blame, but a question of "what"—in other words, that the trouble does not spring from the wickedness of perverted individuals, but from a basic force that finds expression in many lives and in many ways.

This is coming close to stepping over the line into the field of the Socialists and the Communists. It is one of the basic tenets of their creed. And we can agree with it without in any way adopting socialism or communism. The outlook is worth looking into. The radical declares that we shall never be happy until we change our economic system. The present system, he asserts, was built for the benefit of private profit. It serves only the greedy; it promotes greed, makes it the only mainspring of human endeavour. Consequently, he says, the ill that greed brings cannot be removed until the system is changed.

Perhaps, the most remarkable aspect of present-day politics is the way in which people who have no use for either socialism or communism are beginning to accept at least a part of this viewpoint. The Senator we have quoted—who is not apt to turn "red" overnight—excoriates the moving force of greed. Henry Ford, equally far removed from the lama, says that one of the chief contests in industry to-day is between those whose first interest is in making profits and those whose first interest is in making things.

We are likely to hear a great deal more about this as the months go

on. The most encouraging thing about the whole situation to-day is the fact that it is stimulating men to question things that never before were doubted. Greed—or, to put it more simply, the desire to make big profits—does not seem to be quite as benevolent a force in human affairs as it used to appear. The American Senator's complaint is likely to be repeated very often in the near future.

Our Silent Navy.

The mystery of H.M.S. Sterling remains; but it is a mystery not of the purpose of her sudden despatch from Hongkong at dawn on Saturday, but of why the naval authorities insisted upon maintaining an air of secrecy in an apparently very simple matter. We are now told that disturbances in Hoihow necessitated the despatch of H.M.S. Somme to the south to protect British residents, if occasion arose, and that the Sterling was sent to Bias Bay to release the Somme. If that is the whole story, it is respectfully submitted that the public might easily have been given a hint of the nature of the emergency even if it was felt inexpedient to disclose all the facts. While it is reasonable to avoid the creation of alarm, a possibility if unverified rumours are published, it is also reasonable to expect the public to take an interest in naval affairs when cinema performances are suddenly interrupted so as to issue pre-emptory orders to naval ratings to return from shore leave to their ship. Speculation merely increases when the Navy adheres firmly to its tradition. The Silent Service, wraps its doings in an air of mysteriousness, and merely states that a warship has been sent out in consequence of certain rumours. In these circumstances, somewhat remarkable is the suggestion made that official naval circles deplored the resultant "mystery" which, it is submitted, was of their own making. Still less do we understand the attitude adopted throughout now the facts are disclosed. A simple statement that the Somme had been despatched to Hoihow in consequence of rumours of trouble, to render protection to British subjects if necessary, would have prevented a deal of fruitless worrying over the possibility of serious trouble in centres where conditions were actually normal. Some months ago, when there was fear for the safety of British and American missionaries at Hoihow, no secret was made of the fact that warcraft had been sent to the scene. Why similar frankness was not observed on Saturday, we cannot understand.

MUTINY AT HOIHOW.

H.M.S. SOMME LEAVES FOR SCENE.

A mutiny of some remnants of the Peace Preservation Corps consisting of the 1st and 3rd Brigades, stationed at Hoihow, Hainan Island, in southern Kwangtung, caused perturbation among foreign residents, resulting in the dispatch from Hongkong of H.M.S. Sterling on Friday to Bias Bay to relieve H.M.S. Somme which had left for Hoihow to assist in the withdrawal of the small European community. The latter consists of the British Consul, the Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Frost of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., and Mr. Cuthbert, agent for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

It will be recalled that on the 13th instant three Regiments of Peace Preservation Corps stationed at Whampao revolted, declaring for Nanking and fighting against the Canton Government. They were disarmed with heavy casualties. There is no doubt that the disturbance at Hoihow is inspired by Nanking, but resentment by the Peace Preservation Corps officials of Canton's appointment of new commanders over them forms one of the immediate causes of the mutiny. The Hoihow mutineers have declared against Canton and are making extensive preparations for war at Man Cheung. The Canton Navy states that no official report of heavy fighting has been received although a regiment from Canton was prevented from landing at Hoihow by the mutineers.

While the Canton Navy is sparing no effort to suppress the revolt, the considered opinion of Cantonese officials in Hongkong is that as the mutineers are isolated, their suppression, like

DAY BY DAY

WITHOUT LIBERTY NO HAPPINESS
CAN BE ENJOYED BY SOCIETY.—
Bolingbroke.

Mr. Miles Vaughn, Manager for the United Press in the Far East, arrived from Japan with Mrs. Vaughn on the Asama Maru on a visit to Hongkong.

Among those elected Fellows of the Royal Empire Society at the last meeting of the Council were Mr. and Mrs. G. Harman and Mr. John Barnes—names they bore until they adopted that of Barnato. Henry was the first to emigrate to South Africa. Having, while in England, developed his talent as a conjurer, he continued his performances around Kimberley, where he often called himself "Signor Barnato, the Great Wizard." Fortunately for all concerned, the hardy diamond pioneers did not appreciate his necromancy, so that, compelled to adopt a more lucrative occupation, he plunged into "kopje-wallopings." In the early days at Kimberley the diamonds were obtained from the kopjes, or small hills, near the camp.

The dealers, or "wallopers," usually trotted from one to the other, purchasing the finds as they were sorted out. Non-success involved a life of slavery and privation. Thousands from all parts had become diamond diggers selling their valuable stones for ridiculous prices. Natives exchanged them for oxen, guns, or brandy. Diamond stealing and illicit diamond buying were rampant. Business was conducted on chaotic principles; some made rapid fortunes; others blew out their brains in despair. While Henry Barnato achieved no brilliant success, he performed one epoch-making exploit—he sent for his brother Barney, then about twenty, who ultimately made them all millionaires.

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and found it. Everybody liked him.

A Brilliant Financier.

Thus the Joels graduated at a splendid school; they enjoyed unique opportunities; fortunes were to be had for the grasping. Their mentor, Barney, was a born financier; superbly self-confident; with a lightning perception of values and potentialities; a fertile resourcefulness which overcame the most formidable difficulties; a genius for judging character. Displaying incessant activity and extraordinary vitality, he frightened his friends. One remarked: "Some day such a bundle of quivering nerves will snap. Either life or brain will go."

His shrewd judgment in mining and finance enabled him to seize golden opportunities missed by slower-witted men, who enviously murmured: "Just Barney's luck." Naturally enough, he rapidly conquered a prominent position in Kimberley as a man who had to be reckoned with by the strongest. He soon realised that, unless strong measures were taken to scientifically organise this splendid industry, the ruinous confusion would continue. He saw that safety and success lay in the gradual amalgamation of all the mines.

Another strong, cunning financier—Cecil Rhodes—had arrived at the same conclusion. He was engineering the De Beers Company with some friends; aiming at controlling the entire industry by gradually absorbing the other mines. Obviously the two men's interests were bound to clash. They finally fought that long and memorable financial battle which culminated in a victory for Rhodes, backed by the Rothschilds and Alfred Beit. But Barnato only yielded on terms which made him a millionaire, and gave him and his relations a splendid interest in the great De Beers diamond monopoly. This success enabled them to participate in the exploitation of the newly-discovered Rand goldfields.

The Joels on the Rand.

Barney Barnato's successes and exploits became legendary; in Johannesburg as in London. He was a financial showman an adept in clever advertising.

Here "Solly" Joel, a representative of the firm at a time when it loomed large in Johannesburg, displayed such tact, ability and judgment that he proved a match in financial quickness for the keenest. In a "deal" young Joel was a difficult man to "spook," as certain tricky financiers found to their cost.

The Barnato "crowd" worked with feverish energy; purchased and developed mines; floated companies in London, and generally extended their influence in every direction. They were among the most prominent men in the Golden City, by reason of their fondness for that life of combined business, pleasure, and sport which there prevailed. Only the fittest survived this terrible ordeal, which killed or ruined thousands.

Yet they encountered some crushing disasters. They had to fight fiercely to face the terrible "slump" of 1896, which involved the collapse of the Barnato Bank. But they weathered the storm. The egregious Jameson Raid was another big blow. Here Barnato demonstrated the extent of his influence. The reformers, including "Solly" Joel, were imprisoned, and, intent on their release, he threatened to stop work in all his mines. This might have compelled the Government to feed and maintain order among 20,000 whites and 100,000 Kaffirs. But passions were then running high; food was horribly dear. Kruger relented, and released the reformers, after squeezing big fines from them. Then again "Solly" Joel was an agonised witness of another tragedy. Poor Barney Barnato, demented by business worries, jumped overboard from a Cape liner. Misfortune seemed to dog their footsteps, for not long afterwards "Solly" Joel was just about to sail from Cape Town, when he was hastily recalled to Johannesburg by the news that his brother Woolf had been shot.

A. H.

FISHING DISASTER.

TWENTY-THREE JAPANESE BELIEVED DROWNED.

Tokyo, May 24. Twenty-three fishermen are missing and are believed to have been drowned after a vessel carrying 31 persons turned turtle in a storm 46 miles out of Yokohama. The remaining members of the crew were rescued by a passing vessel.—Reuters.



"—And also, lady, that book contains 50 uproarious practical jokes to play on your friends."

CHIANG'S POLICY DENOUNCED.**MR. EUGENE CHEN ON DICTATORSHIP.****REVOLT EXPLAINED.**

Noted Chinese politicians aligning themselves with the anti-Chiang movement arrived in the Colony from Shanghai yesterday aboard the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru and later in the day left for Canton by special train. Amongst the party were Mr. and Mrs. Sun Fo, Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Describing the movement against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek as an attempt to remove the personal dictatorial form of government established in Nanking, Mr. Eugene Chen, former Foreign Minister of the Canton and Hankow Government, told a press representative at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday that the Shanghai report that he was in the South on a peace mission was entirely false and he desired to contradict it in the strongest terms. Mr. Chen said that in fact everything issued by Nanking was false.

"We don't believe in a dictatorial Kuomintang, as the latter is only the trustee of the nation."

Marshal Chiang had been called China's Mussolini, Mr. Chen said, but Marshal Chiang looked upon China as his private property. "Mussolini is a man with a modern mind, although one may not approve of his methods of dictatorship," said Mr. Chen.

Centuries Apart.

"I have read criticism of Mussolini by the latter's bitterest opponents, but never heard it said that he governs Italy for his family. He governs it as a nation—the possession of Italy's people. There is a chasm of centuries between the minds of these two men. Chiang is a man of mediæval mind whose conception of China is as his private and family property. China and her people will never tolerate such a ruler. Such a creature will be resisted, fought and destroyed."

Commenting on the National Convention recently organised in Nanking Mr. Chen said that the Convention delegates were picked by Marshal Chiang, who desired to legalise the personal dictatorship which he has been able to establish in Nanking.

Referring to the possibility of a war Mr. Chen said that Nanking was not in a position to make war as Marshal Chiang's armies would not obey him. Whether there would be a civil war rested with Chiang. If he was an enlightened ruler he would retire without fighting, as the nation desired his elimination from office.

Reorganisation Movement Dead.

This was a movement by the entire party, including the Nanking section of the Kuomintang, the Rightists, Leftists and Independents like Mr. Chen himself. It was a national movement in which Marshals Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan, of North China, would also join, although the movement was initiated in Canton, which had a history of its own. It was incorrect to regard this movement as a Leftist or Reorganisationist movement. The Reorganisationist faction was a fragment of the Kuomintang Leftist party, a fragment which had become a historical curiosity.

Mr. Chen Kung-wei, who coined the label, "Reorganisationist," has telegraphed to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, head of the Kuomin-tang Leftist Party, repudiating the existence of the Reorganisation Party.

Answering a question by the Pressman, Mr. Chen said that if the Nanking Government were to negotiate a loan with foreign countries at present for the purpose of raising money for war purposes such a loan would undoubtedly be repudiated.

The ex-Foreign Minister went to say that after the retirement of Chiang Kai-shek, who has taken upon himself rights inherent in the people, the reconstituted Kuomintang leadership would take control.

Police Precautions.

Extraordinary precautionary measures were adopted yesterday morning to ensure the safety of Messrs. Sun Fo and Eugene Chen and some twenty Nationalist officials from Shanghai who accompanied them. Long before the arrival of the vessel at the Kowloon wharf a large party of Chinese was advised to leave the wharf by the Police. No one was permitted to go on board until the two officials had left for the Peninsula Hotel. To avoid possible enemies, the Chinese officials were travelling under assumed names.

A conference of great political importance was held shortly after their arrival between the two Nanking leaders and Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, General Hsu Sung-chi, Mr. Tang Shao-yl, Gen. Fei Chung-hsi and representatives of military commanders from Canton. A gunboat was sent down from

RED ROUND-UP IN TOKYO.**SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES BY POLICE.****HUGE ORGANIZATION.**

Tokyo, May 20.

With the removal of the press ban, further details are now available regarding the Communist round-up in February, 1930, when the Japanese police conducted their third big round-up of Reds since 1928.

It is revealed that sensational disclosures have been made regarding the killing and wounding of policemen, the dissemination of Communist teachings in higher educational establishments, and the foiling of attempts to obtain arms and ammunition and to set fire to the Diet and other Government buildings.

As the result of the round up 173 active Communists and 36 sympathisers, including a number of university professors and well-known writers, were indicted at Tokyo.

College Graduates.

Ninety-three of the Communists had received college educations and among them were 31 graduates of the Imperial University and 16 of Waseda University, while two of the arrested professors held chairs in the Imperial University.

The arrested persons included seven women and the nephew of Gaku Sano, the former Communist leader, who was arrested at Shanghai in 1929; and Seigen Tanaka, who succeeded Sano.

Most of the arrested persons were under 30 years of age. Tanaka's mother committed suicide on hearing of her son's arrest.

Compared with the two previous round-ups, the round-up last year resulted in fewer indictments, but the movement appears to have been more widespread and dangerous, as several of the Communists were armed with pistols and daggers with which they resisted arrest.

Desperate Struggles.

A number of tragic and melodramatic incidents are recorded, these involving desperate struggles and the death or wounding of several policemen.

The disclosures reveal interesting details as to the methods of financing the movement, which apparently came entirely from internal sources, no money having been received from abroad, though several of the leaders appear to have had their training to Moscow.

Other details include accounts of secret meetings, the organisation of "cells" in dockyards and factories, and the pains taken to conceal the identity of active participants, who were known by numbers instead of names and who were constantly moving their headquarters for the purpose of evading the police.

Canton, which, however, was not used, as the leaders preferred the railway.

Departure for Canton.

The following leaders left for Canton by special train leaving Kowloon at 12.20 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Sun Fo, Mr. Eugene Chen, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Tsou Lu, Mr. Tang Shao-yl, and Generals Tang Sanz-chi, Hsu Sung-chi, Ngai Bong-ping (ex-Canton Military Governor) Pei Chung-hsi (Kwangsi) and others.

Shanghai Reports.

Shanghai, May 23. It is disclosed that Sun Fo is carrying to Canton definite proposals for a peaceful settlement of the political situation, and a feeling of optimism prevails here regarding the outcome of his mission.

Before departing from Shanghai, Sun Fo had a conference with several of the "elder statesmen," at which it was suggested that a good deal of friction might be avoided by putting Party and Government affairs under entirely separate administrations—a suggestion which Nanking is reported to approve.

An important peace move was made last night by the famous statesman Wu Tze-hui, who, following a lengthy conference with Chiang Kai-shek at Tungan, telephoned to Koo Ying-pan stating that Chang Chi, the Vice-President of the Judicial Yuan, was proceeding to Canton immediately to "talk over matters."

Wu Tze-hui who has considerable influence in political circles is an ardent advocate of peace.—Reuters.

WOMEN ATTEMPT SUICIDE.**FOUR CASES REPORTED THIS WEEK-END.****ONE ENDS FATALLY.**

Several attempted suicides by women were brought to the notice of the police during the week-end. In one case the victim was beyond medical treatment although she was rushed to hospital immediately on the discovery being made.

According to intimation made to the police by fellow tenants of 92 Wellington Street, Chan Chat, a Chinese woman aged about 26 years, who resided on the premises, committed suicide by taking opium poisoning. She was discovered in a serious condition at 12.15 p.m. on Saturday and rushed to the Government Civil Hospital but succumbed in less than an hour afterwards.

Merciful poison was stated to have been taken by Cheung Sung-ying, a widow, aged 34 of 2, Mu Hing Street, Wan-chai at 4 p.m. yesterday. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment but her condition is not serious.

Ching Sin-lin, a woman residing temporarily at 67, Hollywood Road, first floor, attempted to commit suicide at 53, Woosung Street shortly after midnight on Saturday by taking an overdose of opium. She was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Her condition is not considered serious. From the Shamshuipo district, Chin Sai-yeo a woman residing at 233, Lai-chikok Road, second floor, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from the effects of opium poisoning stated to have been self-administered.

WHAT THE GENERAL SAID.**WIRELESS BAN ON A FAMOUS VICTORY.**

Philadelphia, April 26. What the Sergeant told the General should not be told in turn to civilian ears, according to wireless censors who abruptly cut off a speech by General Shadley Butler at an artillery officers' dinner in Philadelphia last night.

General Butler, who is Amerian's fiercest soldier, was recounting with vivid eloquence how he captured Fort Riviere, in Hayti, and he described how, while he was summoning his courage for the attack, a sergeant said, "Hell! I'll go first."

The manager of the radio station heard the General's quotation of this expletive, nearly fainted, immediately stopped the broadcast and announced to listeners that he had cut General Butler off for using profane and indecent language.

A Storm.

Finding he was prating into a dead microphone, General Butler and a number of friends, including several judges, left the banquet and stormed into the wireless station, demanding an apology. It is said there was a scene of great indignation, but the General was persuaded to return to the banquet.

The wireless station announced that he would never be allowed on the air again if he did not mend his language.

The comedy has been heightened by General Butler demanding an apology from the Haitian Government because its Minister at Washington was reported as saying "that no such place as Fort Riviere ever existed and that the General's heroism was therefore imaginary." The Minister to-day denied this implication, but insinuated that General Butler's victory was gained over men without adequate arms. The diplomatic tension is still acute.

Washington recently apologised to Signor Mussolini for an attack made upon him by General Butler.

PAROCHIAL LONDON.**ONE RULING BODY SUGGESTED.**

The average Londoner does not think "in terms of London," but thinks in a parochial sense; and has no citizenship like that of Manchester, Birmingham and other great cities.

This was an opinion expressed by Mr. A. G. Chamings, formerly chief officer of the London County Council Public Control Department, in a paper on "The Ideal Government of London," read before the Institute of Public Administration at Westminster City Hall.

Mr. Chamings suggested that London should be governed by one central body, to which the present duties of the borough councils should be transferred.

"I am convinced," he added, "that one of the chief causes of the lack of homogeneous feeling of citizenship in London is the effect of its division into 25 areas. There is no London tradition."

THIS AFTERNOON RACING.**SITTING BULL EXPECTED TO WIN.**

[By "Ringtail".]

The second stage of the Sixth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley this afternoon should attract a large gathering of enthusiasts, although the weather promises a contrast to sunny Saturday.

The programme will open at 2.30 p.m., the big race being the May Handicap "A" Class, over a distance of one and a half miles. It should provide an easy win for Sitting Bull. My selections are:

1st Race.

Sanction
Paul Pry
Crown Prince

2nd Race.

Christmas Belle
Cloudy Eye
Mount Elbury

3rd Race.

Little Beaver
Gleneglasses
Zorhan

4th Race.

Cyclamen Bay
The Grouse
Piccalli

5th Race.

Fritillary
Mendoro
One Third

6th Race.

Boxing Eve
Valorous
Little Beaver

7th Race.

Bay of Bellingham
Redskins
Celerity

8th Race.

Sitting Bull
Gold Key
Fortune Bay

9th Race.

Tunney
The Quail
Tay

10th Race.

The Tiger
Daylight Eve
Fair Sport**SILVER CRISIS HEDGING.**

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possessed by India and other countries.

China's Currency.

"From the view point of improving the world-wide depression now prevailing, the reconstruction of the Chinese monetary system will constitute an important factor. However, the question of Chinese monetary system reorganization may be settled apart from the silver question. China was originally a country of excess exports the trade returns of China show an excess of imports by 250 million taels per year, but the proceeds of China, other than foreign trade, amount to some 500 million.

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For this reason alone China should adopt the gold standard. Since India has already adopted the gold system and its financial circles have been stabilized, the question is how to deal with a silver surplus of 20 million ounces per year. The pre-eminent question, however, is not the question of silver, but the thorough reconstruction of the industrial condition of the whole world."

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HAUL BY ARMED ROBBERS.**VICTIMS BOUND AND GAGGED.**

The police are investigating an armed robbery which took place at an early hour this morning, as a result of which the inmates of a florist's West Point are the poorer by \$900, the value of jewellery and other property stolen.

By a trick, four men were able to obtain an entry to the top floor of 230, Third Street. They terrorized the inmates by brandishing a dagger, and, having bound and gagged them, and forced them into a room, they made a leisurely search for money and valuables.

From a box they stole a quantity of jewellery and some money, and these, together with other articles, are stated to produce a haul of over \$900 in value.

The robbers escaped before an alarm was given.

RADIO BROADCAST**BY SPECIAL REQUEST.**

To-day's radio broadcast from Z. B. W. (300 metres) includes items by special request. The programme follows:

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7.00-10.10 p.m. European Programme.

Orchestra kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7.00-7.37 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral-Ever-Green-Selection.

Orchestral-Nippy-Selection.

The Stage Orchestra, MR238.

Accordion-Duet-La Tourterelle (The Dove).

Jean Deveydt and Louis Logat.

Accordion-Duet-Hilda (A Romance).

The Deveydt Brothers, DB363.

Vocal-Duet-Sweepin' The Clouds Away.

Vocal-Duet-There's Danger in Your Eyes, Cherie.

Layton and Johnstone, DB255.

Humorous Song-My Cannery has Cirelens Under His Eyes.

Humorous Song-Would You Like to Take Walk.

Marion Harris, DB453.

Banjo Solo-Banjoen.

Banjo Solo-Dizzy Digits.

Len Fills, DB354.

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THE DAVIS CUP.

**AMERICA LEADS CANADA
IN ZONE FINAL.**

Montreal, May 23.—America has again taken the lead in the final of the North American Zone of the Davis Cup by winning the doubles match which was won yesterday. Francis Shultheis and Sydney Wood defeated J. Wright and Marcel Rainville (Canada) 8-6, 6-4, 6-2.

In the singles each side had won one.

Rain interrupted the remaining two singles matches which will be continued to-morrow (Monday). When rain fell Sydney Wood (America) was leading J. Wright (Canada) by 8-6, 2-2.

Denmark beat Poland.

London, May 23.—Denmark defeated Poland to-day in the third round of the Davis Cup, and thus qualified to meet either Italy or Czechoslovakia in the European Zone semi-finals.

The winning match was secured by Ulrich who defeated Helebski (Poland), 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

In the last match of the contest, Tlaczynski (Poland) beat Bentzen (Denmark) by 6-2, 6-6, 6-3, 6-2, Denmark thus winning by three matches to two. Reuter.

**THOUSAND GUINEAS
TOURNAMENT.**

**E. WHITCOMBE WINS GOLF
FINAL AT LEEDS.**

Leeds, May 23.—E. Whitcombe has won the Thousand Guineas Tournament (promoted by the Evening News), by beating T. Barber (Derby) in the final at the 30th hole.

The results of the earlier rounds were:—

Manoer (Argentine) beat W. Alliss 4 and 3.

E. Whitcombe (Bournemouth) beat W. H. Davies (Wales) 4 and 2.

T. Barber (Derby) beat Charles Whitecombe, 1 up.

A. Lucy beat Tom Gadd, 3 and 2.

In the semi-finals,

E. Whitcombe beat Manero, 2 and 1.

Barber beat Lucy, 3 and 1.

—Reuter.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

**DONATIONS TO MAURICIO
TRAINING INSTITUTE.**

More than \$700 worth of trophies in the form of a challenge shield, silver cups, gold and silver medals, and gymnasium appliances have been donated to the Mauricio Physical Training Institute. The following gentlemen are the donors—Challenge Shield by Mr. A. V. Lynn; gold medals, silver cups, and gymnasium appliances, by Messrs. Lin Hoy-lim, J. T. K. Gilchrist, M. J. Hansen, Dr. Arthur Woo, Messrs. Martin Tay (Amoy), Wing Nam, Lee Fung, Siow Kim-sang, John Grant, Li Fuk-wing, Li Fuk-fai, and a few others.

A few more silver cups have been promised for the forthcoming weight-lifting competition, to be held in November, 1931.

Beside the Weight-lifting Competition, a Ping-Pong Tournament will be held at the Institute, open to all present and past pupils of the Institute. Entries will close by the end of June, 1931.

GOVERNMENT, HOUSE.

Monday, 18th May.—The following dined at Government House: H. H. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Southorn, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Cresny, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. J. D. Lloyd, Mr. G. A. Walker, Captain Bodham-Whetham, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dunsterville, Mr. Schofield, the Rev. E. G. and Mrs. Powell, Dr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. Colin Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Dr. and Mrs. Smalley, Mr. Bonnar, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambert.

Thursday, 21st May.—His Excellency the Governor presided at the meeting of the Executive Council.

Saturday, 23rd May.—Mrs. Buckland lunched at Government House. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel, attended by His Excellency's personal staff, attended the sixth extra race meeting at Happy Valley.

HOBBS RETIRING.

**FINDS THE STRAIN A BIT
TOO MUCH.**

London, May 24.—Jack Hobbs, concluding his active association with county cricket at the end of this season.

Although his contract with the Surrey Cricket Club does not expire until the end of the 1932 season, he has asked the club to allow him to retire in 1931.

Hobbs' son, interviewed by a Reuter correspondent, said his father who is forty-eight, would not entirely give up cricket, but is finding the strain of constant matches too much. He intends, however, to turn out occasionally for Surrey next season. Reuter.

**SATURDAY'S RACE
MEETING.**

**MANY SURPRISES AT THE
VALLEY.**

There were plenty of surprises at Saturday's Race Meeting, the most notable success probably being the defeat of Slitting Bull in the First Division of the June Handicap by Boxing Eve. Mr. Charles cleverly steered the winner to victory and paid backers \$39.50 for a win and \$50.80 for a place. In the Third Division of the same Handicap, Mr. A. W. da Rosa did a creditable piece of work by bringing home Mongolian Stag, over \$300 being paid for a win. As expected, Apollo secured an easy win in the Aggregate Stake. Results:

The Results.

1.—Griffins Summer Handicap:

First Division: One Mile.—For Griffins of this Season which have started at least twice.

1st Prize: \$200; 2nd Prize: \$150.

L. Dunbar's Fortune Bay 161 lb.....(Mr. Heard) 1*

Mrs. Dunbar's Little Beaver 143 lb.....(Mr. Proulx) 1*

L.T.F.'s Gold Key 147 lb.....(Mr. Harriman) 3

* Dead heat: 1/4 lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 52 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$39.50; Places, 1st \$50.80; 2nd \$40.40; 3rd \$7.30.

9.—Victoria Park Handicap: Six Furlongs.—For Australian Ponies. Winners barred. 1st Prize: \$600. 2nd Prize: \$300. 3rd Prize: \$200.

Kong Bros.'s Moon Star 140 lb.....(Mr. Proulx) 1

Kangaroo's Caulfield 130 lb.....(Mr. Proulx) 2

W. T. Stanton's Fritz 164 lb.....(Mr. Heard) 3

Won by 3 lengths; a neck.

Time: 1 min. 27 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$20.20; Places, 1st \$7.70; 2nd \$12.80; 3rd \$8.40.

10.—Bank Holiday Handicap: One Mile.—(Novices)—For China Ponies which have started at least twice in Hongkong since January 1, 1931, and have not won more than one race in Hongkong since January 1, 1931. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won five flat races anywhere at any time. 1st Prize: \$450. 2nd Prize: \$250. 3rd Prize: \$150.

Moir & Carmichael's Piccalilli 160 lb.....(Mr. Keith-Murray) 1

Prince's Crown Prince 147 lb.....(Mr. J. E. Noromb) 2

Lady Peel's Marquis Hall 160 lb.....(Mr. Colman) 3

Won by 2 lengths; the same.

Time: 1 min. 56 secs.

Parimutuel: Winner \$16.70; Places, 1st \$7.50; 2nd \$13.10; 3rd \$7.

THE CASH SWEEPS.

Some Substantial Dividends Returned.

Following are the cash sweep results:

Race 1.

No. 218 (dead heat) \$578.70

" 204 " 578.70

" 243 " 128.60

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos. 28, 42, 333, 161, 141.

Race 2.

No. 476 \$1,171.80

" 421 334.80

" 46 167.40

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos. 420, 21, 243, 191, 217.

Race 3.

No. 281 \$1,302.00

" 131 372.00

" 410 186.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos. 452, 365, 293, 211, 358, 53, 555, 147.

Race 4.

No. 235 \$2,970

" 241 829

" 391 410

Unplaced runner (\$100) No. 306.

Race 5.

No. 127 \$1,671.00

" 141 358.20

" 466 358.20

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos. 515, 549, 33, 112, 381, 313, 501, 507.

Race 6.

No. 313 \$1,715.00

" 131 490.00

" 387 245.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos. 608, 384, 153.

Race 7.

No. 170 \$1,000.60

" 132 645.60

" 376 272.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos. 505, 550, 556, 568.

Race 8.

No. 550 \$1,852.20

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VATICAN REJECTS SPAIN'S NEW AMBASSADOR.

Madrid, May 23.
The Vatican has declared persona non grata Spain's new Ambassador, Señor Luis de Zulueta. The rea-

BANKRUPTCY COURT CASES.

APPLICATION STATED TO BE "IMPROPER."

The Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agius) opposed what he called an "extraordinary application" in the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp), the application being made by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks on behalf of Chung Chu-kee.

Mr. Brooks applied for the bankruptcy petition to be withdrawn, explaining that creditors had considered the matter and were willing to let debtor try and rehabilitate himself, so much so that they were prepared to trust him with further contracts.

The Official Receiver said that such a procedure would violate the principle of the law of payment. He stated that debtor filed his petition on June 14 as a protection against a Summary Court Judgment. It was shown that 35 creditors, who were treated as one, had agreed to accept 10 per cent, in cash and 20 per cent, by notes of acknowledgment, to be paid by instalments within four years. Another ten had agreed to postpone their claims. The "outside" composition suggested would not have any of the safeguards of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, and if it was desired to effect an arrangement it could quite easily have been done in accordance with the Bankruptcy Ordinance.

Improper Application.

The application, he said, was a most improper one. He asked that the application be dismissed and adjudication granted.

Mr. Brooks remarked that the judgment against debtor did not seem to have any application, as if the petition was withdrawn the judgment could be enforced against him.

His Lordship said he thought it was a case in which leave for the application should not be given. The proposed arrangement violated the general basis of bankruptcy law and, in his opinion, the arrangement would not enable debtor to rehabilitate himself in trade, as he would have claims hanging over his head all the time. As the interests of the public had to be considered, as well as those of creditors, he thought, it was a case where the bankrupt should take its ordinary course. The application would be dismissed and adjudication would be granted.

Debtor Complimented.

"It is not often I have the opportunity of complimenting debtors in this Court, and I do not want to miss the opportunity," said the Official Receiver. In the case of Mr. J. A. Lopez an application for discharge.

Mr. Lopez said that no bankruptcy offence had been committed by debtor and his conduct had been most satisfactory.

In discharging debtor forthwith, his Lordship said it seemed to have been an unusually good case both as regards dividend and conduct.

With regard to Han Pak-yan, an application for discharge, the Official Receiver said debtor's liabilities were principally due to Indian money-lenders. It was a well-known fact that borrowers were compelled to sign for double the amount they received, and he thought that a 40 per cent. dividend would be equitable under the circumstances. Debtor's conduct had been satisfactory and he had committed no offence under the Bankruptcy Ordinance.

His Lordship made an order for discharge.

Conditional Discharge.

"The evidence has not been considered sufficiently strong to send the papers to the Attorney General for consideration of what proceedings should be taken against debtor," said the Official Receiver in the case of Suen Iu, trading as Tak Kee stall and Tai Cheung stall.

He continued that debtor had exhibited a great lack of candour with

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

SUCCESSFUL RE-UNION DINNER.

A successful re-union of past and serving Royal Engineers was held at Messrs. Lane Crawfords on Thursday evening, the 21st May. The dinner was held to coincide with the Annual Dinner held at the May Fair Hotel in London and telegrams of greeting were exchanged with brother officers dining in London.

Colonel R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., Chief Engineer, China Command, presided and the following attended: Messrs. J. L. Adams, O.B.E., A. M. Anstruther, E. Danks, F. J. Easterbrook, M.C., N. S. Ellis, Major H. P. W. Hutson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. Messrs. C. P. Gibson, M. A. Johnson, Major W. A. Kerrie, D.S.O., M.C. Messrs. P. S. Logan, P. T. Mahony, C. M. Manners, O.B.E., J. H. Marks, A. B. Raworth, Leslie Ross, Major J. C. P. Tosh, M.C., Mr. W. H. Waring.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Hongkong Naturalist."

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I should be grateful if you would bring this matter before the notice of your readers.

Owing to an oversight, some dozen copies of the *Hongkong Naturalist*, Vol. 2, No. 2, lacking in one, two, or three of the coloured plates, were circulated to-day. Subscribers who received incomplete numbers may obtain complete ones in exchange, either at the University, or at the publishers.

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regard to property, particularly in regard to his public examination. A dividend of 27 per cent. had been paid and debtor's failure was due to loss of trade, the closing of many tea houses, and inability to collect book debts. In view of debtor's conduct, Mr. Agius suggested that his discharge be suspended for 12 months, conditional upon him consenting to judgment for \$5,000, so that in the event of further assets being discovered the judgment could be enforced against him for the benefit of creditors.

Debtor said he was prepared to consent to judgment for that amount, and his Lordship made an order in the terms stated by the Official Receiver.

Receiving Order Made.

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MUSSOLINI INJURED.

THROWN FROM HORSE ON MORNING RIDE.

Rome, May 23. Sig. Benito Mussolini was slightly injured during his cus-

tomary morning ride when his horse after a very high jump fell on his knees. The Duce was thrown and received minor injuries to his face. They were promptly treated and Sig. Mussolini was able to receive the delegation of Bulgarian gymnasts shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

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CHARGE AGAINST MR. CHRISTIE.

COURT OFFICIAL'S SUDDEN ABSENCE.

CASE ADJOURNED.

A further adjournment until May 27 of the proceedings against Colonel James Christie was ordered in H. M. Police Court on Thursday morning owing to the unexpected absence from Shanghai of the Registrar (Mr. C. H. Haines).

Mr. Christie is charged with obtaining approximately \$28,000 from Mr. Lee Ching-ku, drill instructor to the Taishing (Kiangsu) Protection Corps, by false pretences, it being alleged that he failed to supply 200 rifles and 50 pistols in return for such sum.

In opening the proceedings the Chief Clerk of H. M. Supreme Court (Mr. C. G. O. Anderson) said that the responsibility of continuing the inquiry in the registrar's absence, devolved on him. He proposed to recall the witnesses who had given evidence, and, upon their being re-sworn, to put to them the evidence they had given for the purpose of obtaining their assent thereto.

Waste of Time.

Mr. M. Blumfield Brown, prosecuting, suggested that in order to avoid waste of time the witnesses should merely be asked to signify whether the evidence they had already given was correct, after which Mr. Anderson could acquaint himself with the details of the proceedings by reading the depositions as contained in the Registrar's notes. He could not see the advantage of having the evidence read all over again; because

of the necessary interpretation such a course would require a lot of time.

Mr. Tycho Wing, defending, questioned the propriety of Mr. Brown's suggestion. Was it good enough in itself? He very much doubted it. In his experience, if a new judge took over a criminal case everything connected with it had to be gone over again.

Mr. Anderson: May I suggest an adjournment until next week? You, Mr. Wing, will be engaged in the other court on Friday and part of Saturday and Monday are holidays. Mr. Haines will be back by Wednesday. He left this morning and I did not know until a late hour last night that he was going away at all.

Amoy Road Gaol.

Mr. Wing: The trouble is that my client is in custody. While Amoy Road Gaol is run on most excellent lines it is still by no means what one could call a weekend resort.

After a consultation with Mr. Brown, Mr. Wing said that they realized the value of Mr. Anderson's proposal to adjourn. He would ask, however, that his client be allowed to go, under escort, to see friends with the object of arranging bail. He had been granted a similar privilege previously, but as the day on which he had then visited his friends was a Saturday nothing could be done. Mr. (Wing) had never personally been able to regard Saturday as a working day, and undoubtedly others in Shanghai, including Mr. Brown, were of the same mind. The difficulties met with by his client could, therefore, be appreciated.

Mr. Anderson agreed to authorize the police to escort Mr. Christie.

Bail was set at one surety of \$2,500, and personal recognizances of \$5,000, conditional upon Mr. Christie depositing his passport with the Court.

MARTYRED LADY MISSIONARIES.

Vain Attempt to Find Bodies.

VILLAGERS FLEE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Foochow, May 23. Lawless elements appear to retain complete control of the shockingly situated in the interior of Fukien.

Quite recently an attempt was made, at the request of the Church Missionary Society, it is understood, by a party of soldiers to find the remains of Miss Nettleton and Miss Harrison, who was done to death by Communists in September last, near Chungan.

The soldiers were led by two Chinese members of the C.M.S. but when the party approached the village, where the tragedy took place, every one of the inhabitants took to his heels and there was no one to give any information.

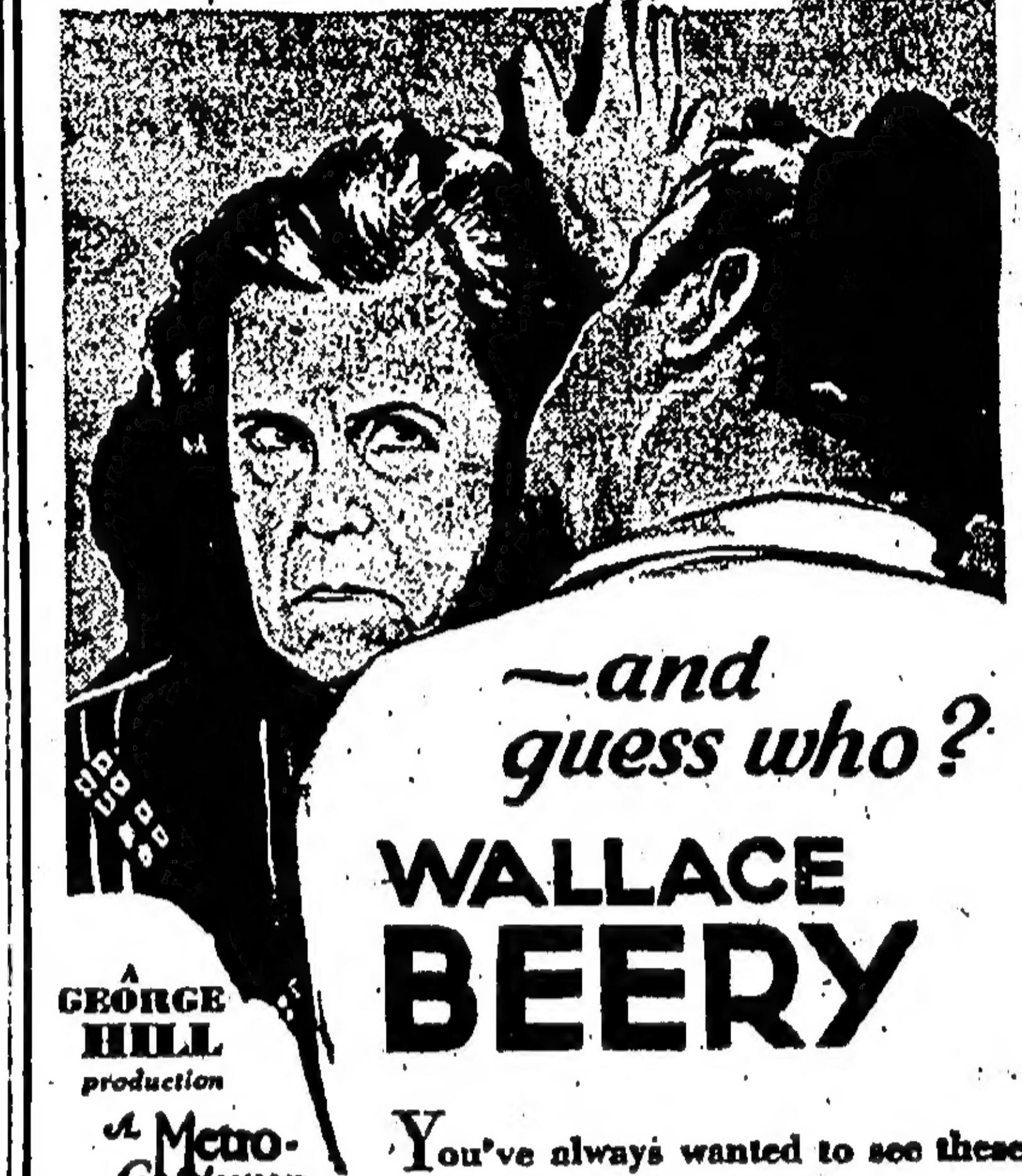
This is not surprising, for the village was the seat of the local Soviet Government. The people have been so terrorised that not one of them would dare give information to friends of the martyred ladies.

Since then it seems, the soldiers are fighting a losing battle against the Communists in the region, as the latter have been reinforced by large numbers from the Kiangsi border, fleeing from the war over there. Bad accounts are given by missionaries from up-river, some of whom state that in their opinion the trouble has not yet "touched bottom" and that there may be worse times in store than any we have had yet.

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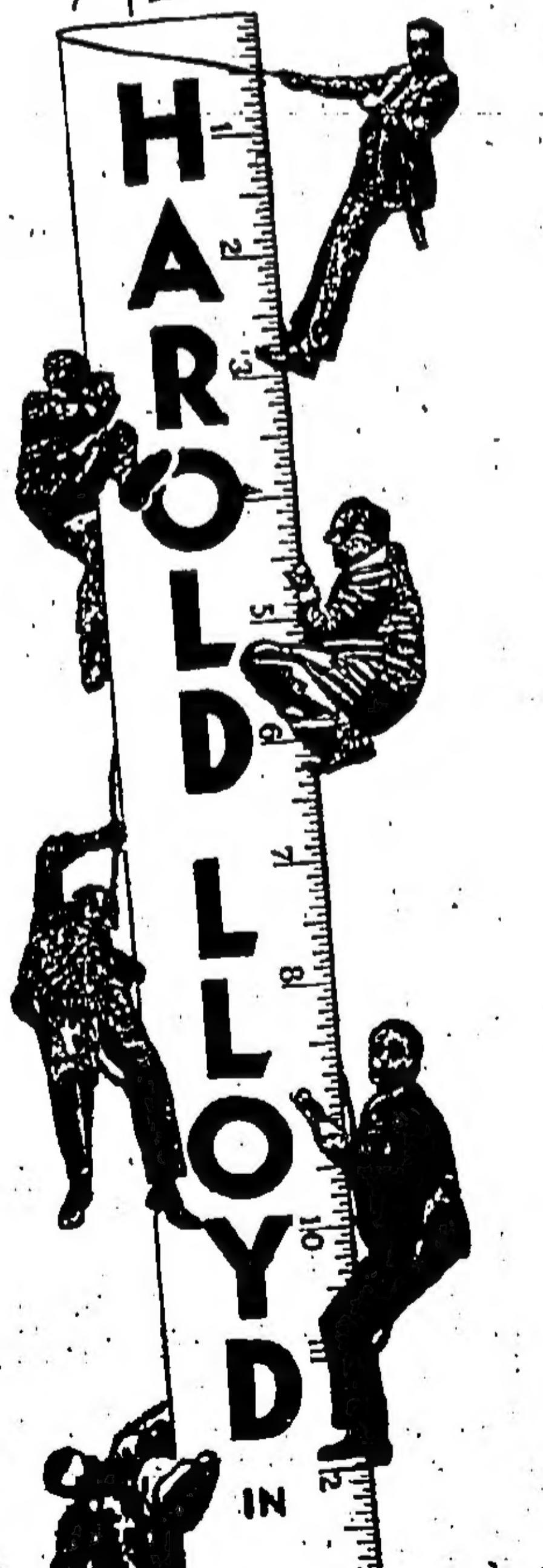
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